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Refugee wait-list causing anxiety

IMMIGRATION

**Delay impacting
integration, says
Nova Scotia group**



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A Halifax-based organization that helps immigrants settle in Nova Scotia is concerned that long and growing wait-lists are significantly impacting newcomers.

Gerry Mills, executive director of the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS), said despite an influx of Syrian refugees over the past year, they've received no federal funding increases to help with the additional provincial nominee clients.

"We saw an almost 30 per cent increase in the number of provincial nominee clients that we served, up from 741 to 1,004," Mills said in an interview.

"Provincial nominee clients for the

most part are looking for language, labour market language, and employment supports, and so because we haven't received any additional funding, the impact of the numbers is wait lists."

Historically, she said wait-lists for English language training classes through ISANS were four to five weeks long.

The demand is now so high that wait lists are four to five months long, and that's having a significant impact on newcomers.

"Of course that's delaying their integration, and people are getting very anxious about that," she said.

"We are getting very anxious about that. We're doing what we can, trying to put more people in classes, but there's only so much we can do."

Mills said the provincial focus on retaining immigrants who come to Nova Scotia is one she agrees with. She points to the fact the province used to retain just 38 percent of immigrants who came here.

That number has since increased



**We have no more
funding and we have
more people coming in.**

Gerry Mills

to 75 per cent, which she said is attributed to better selection and better services.

That's why she's worried the growing wait lists for immigrant services could result in some choosing to leave the province.

"We want that 75 per cent to increase, we don't want it to go down. The (ISANS) wait-lists are quite significant right now to get into labour market language training or for employment counselling," Mills said.

"It's not something we've seen."

**NDP issues concerns about
settlement funds. See Page 9**

Jason Beaudry, Program Director
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Susan Tibbo holds a picture of her son Evan during his time at the IWK Hospital. Evan is now three years old. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Evan's unforgettable journey

HEALTH CARE

Halifax mom thanks staff at hospital event



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

Susan Tibbo says the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the IWK saved her son's life. It was November 2013 when Tibbo realized she was preg-

nant. She and her husband Bryan would soon find out she was seven months along instead of two, as they'd initially thought.

Not only was their son, Evan, born with a condition called hydrocephalus — water on the brain — he was also born seven weeks early.

"Twenty days after I found out I was pregnant," said Tibbo, who was moved to tears.

Evan was in the audience with his father, sitting in a red stroller. The Toy Story-themed balloon attached to

its handles held much of his attention during the speeches.

Tibbo recounted her first days as a mother on Wednesday at the IWK.

Her story was part of an event to celebrate a donation of more than \$130,000 from UPS Canada, which will go towards the redevelopment of the NICU.

Shannon Wetmore, an area sales manager at UPS, said hearing the Tibbos' story "made it real."

"It makes me realize how important it is for us to give

back and help other people that are having challenges in their lives," she said.

Coincidentally, Bryan works for UPS as well.

"It was just really nice to be a speaker and share our story with his co-workers," said Tibbo.

For them, one of the most important parts of the NICU was the ability to stay in a parent room, close to Evan. Even after Tibbo was released from the hospital, leaving without her baby was out of the question.



I can't wait to see it bloom for the rest of the families.

Susan Tibbo

"Parent room eight — I'll never forget it," recalled Tibbo. "Best of all was being able to have my son out of the hospital environment. A room to do normal family things."

Plans for the new NICU go a step further, with private

patient rooms including sofa beds, bathrooms and showers. This way, parents can stay with their babies 24/7.

"I can't wait to see it bloom for the rest of the families," Tibbo said following the announcement.

According to her, Evan will be at the IWK frequently throughout his life, but he has been doing well these days. He has only had to have one brain surgery, which Tibbo said is "very lucky."

"He's our blessing — our little blessing in our life."

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Board approves new junior high

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Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax school board is asking the province to approve a new north-end junior high before buildings crumble and become another Victoria General Hospital situation.

During an emotional Halifax Regional School Board meeting Wednesday night, the members decided to ask the province for a replacement school consolidating students from Highland Park Junior High and Grades to 9 at Oxford School, despite outbursts from those who felt the process was flawed without input from St. Catherine's Elementary.

"Unless investment is made in this area we're going to have significant problems — look at the VG," area board member Christy Linders said during the meeting.

"I don't want somebody coming to me in 20 years saying I could've helped do something to stop something as serious as that."

The request for a replacement school was based on recommendations from the School Options Committee (SOC) who handled the Citadel High family of schools review.

The public gallery was packed with roughly 100 community members and parents,



Pending approval by the province, Grade 7 to 9 students from the Oxford School, along with some from Highland Park junior High, will be consolidated into a new school. JEFF HARPER/METRO

including those who clapped loudly when board member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison called the review a "misjustice" for having an absentee SOC member, and not taking into account St. Catherine's in light of the west-end school sending French immersion students into Oxford.

Multiple board members agreed that more communication with that school would have been better, but throwing out a review that took months of work and input from north-

end residents wasn't an option.

Board member Cindy Littlefair said the new process using the SOC and community input from the beginning was far superior to the old negative "coliseum" style that pitted parents against one another and the board.

She said if the review had been deeply flawed it would've been "uprooted," and any concerns around inclusion and a longer timeline can be improved in future reviews.

When Littlefair said it sad-

dened her to hear people with privilege "twisting the committee's efforts in reaching out to truly marginalized communities," calls of "that's offensive" were heard from the gallery.

"I plead for compassion and reflection. The comparison is unjust, baseless and damaging ... we cannot empower them only to betray them in the final analysis," Littlefair said.

It's now up to the provincial education department to approve the school and decide where it might go.

Cole Harbour, Auburn schools under review

Board members are hoping the Cole Harbour High and Auburn High family of schools review can be a positive one despite vocal concerns about ripple effects from the future Eastern Passage school.

During a special Halifax Regional School Board meeting Wednesday, members approved the review that will involve 17 schools to address extra capacity and declining enrolments, including the loss of 50 per cent of Cole Harbour District High students when the Eastern Passage high opens in 2018.

"This board does not have any hidden agendas, and this review does not necessarily mean closures of schools. This is an opportunity to be open ... about the huge potential within this boundary of schools," area board member Nancy Jakeman said during the meeting.

Jakeman said this is not the time to dwell on any negative impacts losing Eastern Passage students might have, but embrace the opportu-

ity to build a better school community.

Many parents and area residents said after the meeting taking hundreds of kids from Cole Harbour and keeping them in Eastern Passage only hurts the students, and there might be a reverse flow of students anyway transferring back for IB programs and more sports opportunities.

Chris Henwood, concerned Lawrencetown resident, said no matter what happens he hopes the review's timeline is extended from nine months.

The board decided to ask the province if they can do so, given the huge school load.

"I can't see how they're going to do it in nine months. This is a huge task, and you're going to see some decisions that are going to impact a lot of kids, and they're going to be made quickly," he said.

If things follow the current timeline, the first public meeting on the review will be in November.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

OTHER MOTIONS

Other related motions passed Wednesday included keeping Oxford P-6 students in mind for future reviews, requesting the province approve money for major renovations at

St. Joseph's — A. McKay, and that smaller changes to Joseph Howe and St. Stephen's elementary schools be added to the superintendent's list of requests to the province.



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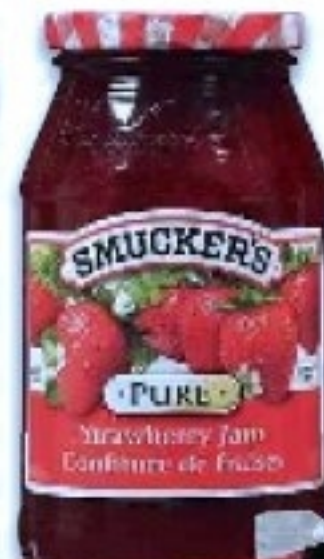
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'Talked-about' movies headed for the Atlantic Film Festival

BIG SCREEN

Great stories to explore, even if you're not a buff



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

With the Atlantic Film Festival set to start up Thursday, program director Jason Beaudry says it's been a "stand-out year" for movies.

Even folks who don't consider themselves film buffs have a range of "talked about" movies they can take in.

Maudie, for example, just had its world premiere less than two weeks ago. The biopic follows the life of Nova Scotian folk artist Maud Lewis.

"(It's been) incredibly well-reviewed," said Beaudry. "This is gonna be the third time it's ever been shown to a public audience."

Moonlight is a late addition to the festival. It tells the story of the struggles of young man in Miami as he grapples with his sexuality.

"It's probably the most talked-about film of the entire festival season."

For folks who want to "anchor themselves to something that they know," Beaudry listed off some of the well-known

filmmakers and actors who will be involved. For instance, Shia LaBeouf is starring in American Honey, which is slated for Saturday night's gala.

"It's been a tumultuous ride, I think, for Shia LaBeouf for the last couple of years — but I think this is a real turning point in his career," said Beaudry. "I think people are gonna be really, really taken with this film."

Beaudry describes it as depicting "youth on the ragged edge." The plot revolves around a group of teenage, travelling magazine salespeople. It's close to three hours long, but could be well worth it.

"If people want to see innovative filmmaking and films that will be very well-regarded come award season, they're gonna definitely want to see that."

Whether you know Adam Driver from Girls or Star Wars, Beaudry anticipates his fans will want to see him in Paterson. Driver plays the title character: a bus-driving poet. For those more into the indie film scene, writer and director Jim Jarmusch might be a familiar name.

"It blends all of these different things and it's quite an interesting experience," said Beaudry.

For anyone into star-crossed love stories, Mean Dreams features Bill Paxton playing a role Beaudry calls "one of the most dastardly villains you've ever seen."

A variety of directors, producers and actors will be in



Shia LaBeouf stars in American Honey, which is slated for Saturday night's gala. CONTRIBUTED/HOLLY HORNER

attendance for the festival as well. Molly Parker — known for House of Cards and Deadwood — is scheduled to be in Halifax, having recently starred in a Nova Scotia-set movie called WeirDOS.

Aside from big names and popularity, Beaudry feels it's a good idea for festival-goers to try something off the beaten track.

"Maybe there's one film that you want to see, but take a chance on something else," he said.

"You read a description and then you see something, and it can be so much more than that in so many different ways."



The much-buzzed-about Moonlight follows a young man grappling with his sexuality. CONTRIBUTED

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FEATURE FILM

Halifax filmmaker's budget movie will debut at festival

Nicole Steeves recalls the day the envelope arrived from the Law Courts of Nova Scotia. She had a bit of an anxiety attack before opening it.

"Oh God, what have I done?" she wondered, only to subsequently laugh when she read the letter. She had been summoned for jury duty.

Around the same time she was looking to come up with a concept for a feature film project.

Something clicked. "I thought, wouldn't it be funny if somebody that couldn't leave their house or

had a lot of anxiety got summoned for jury duty, it was kind of born from that," she said about the feature Head Space, which will premiere at the Atlantic Film Festival on Sept. 19.

Steeves says the film came about through Women in Film and Television Atlantic. The project dictated that it had to be done on a modest budget of \$1,000.

"It was really difficult but ultimately really rewarding," she said. "I had always planned

on doing a no-budget feature so when this program came up, it was kind of perfect because it was \$1,000 more than I would have had."

Steeves, the writer and director of the film, has had shorts in the film festival before, and has one this year too.

But this is her first feature.

The Atlantic Film Festival showing of Head Space will be at Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane Theatre 3 on Sept. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Beyond this, Steeves hopes to show it at other festivals and eventually release it on other platforms.

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Budget for the feature film Head Space.



It was really difficult but ultimately really rewarding.

Nicole Steeves



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Maudie

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Exquisitely directed by Aisling Walsh (*Song for a Raggy Boy*) with career-high performances from Academy Award nominees Sally Hawkins (*Happy-Go-Lucky*, *Blue Jasmine*) and Ethan Hawke (*Training Day*, *Boyhood*), *Maudie* is a remarkable portrayal of an unlikely but deep abiding love between an itinerant fish peddler and a surprisingly gifted artist from Digby County, Nova Scotia. *Maudie* (Sally Hawkins) is a high-spirited but physically impaired woman who yearns to be independent. She lives with a disgruntled aunt after her parents pass on, before answering a live-in housekeeper ad for the stern and solitary Everett Lewis (Ethan Hawke). They marry in due course and Maudie begins to cover their tiny home with colorful paintings. Even with worsening arthritis she steadily produces exuberant compositions for modest sale. Despite, or perhaps because of all this, Everett, a hardened man who grew up an orphan and lives as an outcast, falls in love with the little, bright-eyed woman who sees nothing but color and beauty in the world. *Maudie* charts a 40 year span of Everett's efforts to protect himself from being hurt, Maudie's deep and abiding love for this difficult man and her international rise to fame as a folk artist.

Director: Aisling Walsh

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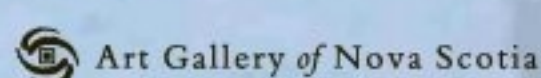
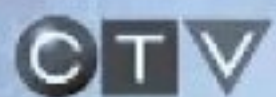
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An example of the rain artwork. CONTRIBUTED

Beauty in the rain

STREET ART

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Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax's most recent street art will be revealed by the rain.

Through the Pretty to Gritty beautification grant, Argyle Fine Art commissioned artist Nick Brunt to create "Inspira-

tional Rain" artwork through a medium called Rainworks. The images only show up when the sidewalk is wet.

According to a release from the Downtown Halifax Business commission, "Rainworks is a temporary spray-like solution that repels water and makes stenciled lettering or artwork only visible when it rains."

The artwork lasts only for a short time.

The idea came about when Tim Hayman and Ashley Murray reached out to Argyle Fine Art for ways to honour the

memory of Regent Rosinki, who passed away last August.

They wanted to capture his "creative spirit." Argyle Fine Art brought the project to life with the help of Hayman and Murray, as well as Rosinki's family.

Brunt created a series of four works to be applied with Rainworks around downtown Halifax. Two have already been completed: one near the Old Apothecary on Barrington Street, and the other around 1801 Hollis Street.

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POLITICS

Just-in love: Federal Liberals maintain wide lead in province



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The federal Liberal Party has maintained a wide lead in terms of voting intentions in Nova Scotia and in Atlantic Canada, according to the most recent survey conducted by Corporate Research Associates Inc.

Three-quarters of decided voters in Nova Scotia support the Liberal Party of Canada (74 per cent, down from 75 per cent three months ago), while one in six prefer the Conservative Party of Canada (16 per cent, up from 14 per cent).

Backing for the NDP stands at eight per cent (unchanged) while three per cent of Nova Scotians prefer the Green Party of Canada (also unchanged). Thirty-three per cent of Nova Scotia residents (down from 36 per cent) were undecided, refused to state a preference, or do not plan to vote.

In terms of leader preference, support in Nova Scotia for Justin Trudeau currently stands at 65 per cent (up from 63 per cent in May 2016).

Preference for interim Conservative Party leader Rona Ambrose is up from 10 per cent to 11 per cent, while backing for Thomas Mulcair of the NDP decreased to five per cent (down from six per cent).

Elizabeth May of the Green Party is preferred by five per cent of Nova Scotia residents polled, up from four percent.

These results are part of the CRA quarterly survey of Atlantic Canadians.

They're based on a sample of 1,507 adult Atlantic Canadians 18 years of age or older, conducted from Aug. 8 to Aug. 31, 2016.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is enjoying 65 per cent of Nova Scotians' leader preference. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Men threatened at knifepoint for smokes

An 18-year-old is facing charges after two people from Ontario were threatened during a robbery attempt in downtown Halifax.

Around 12:25 a.m. Wednesday police say the two victims — aged 31 and 32 — were walking on Morris Street when a young man asked them for cigarettes.

Suddenly, police say the suspect demanded their money and took out a knife, which he thrust towards them. Both victims were able to get away without being injured, or turning over their money. METRO

Boy struck by car crossing busy intersection

No charges are anticipated in a morning collision between a car and a 12-year-old boy in Porter's Lake. METRO

In a media release, Halifax District RCMP said the collision occurred at about 8 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Highway 7 and Keizer Drive.

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Syrian refugee children during a visit to the Discovery Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Funding shortfall for new arrivals

IMMIGRATION

Nova Scotia NDP sounds alarm, schools need teachers

Immigration numbers are shooting up in Nova Scotia, but there are worries from the NDP that funding to help people settle isn't keeping pace.

Julie Towers, the chief executive officer of the province's office of immigration, testified Wednesday at a legislature committee that 3,418 newcomers arrived in Nova Scotia in the first half of this year, slightly more than arrived in all of 2015, a record year.

It's a figure boosted by the one-time influx of Syrian refugees, but Towers says she's confident the figure can reach the goal of 7,000 annually that an economic blueprint for the province has called for in hope of boosting a declining and aging population.

Towers says one of the keys will be whether Ottawa — which still vets the immigrants chosen through the province's nominee program — increases the current limits.

Lenore Zann, an NDP member of the legislature, says budget figures show small increases may not be keeping pace with rising demand for

language classes, assistance to schools and job training.

She said the party has heard from settlement agencies that funding isn't keeping up.

"It's just that the increased numbers of people has not been met with the increased provincial funding they actually need," she said. "That is concerning."

Towers told the legislature committee that funding for settlement has increased from about \$3.4 million in 2014-15 to \$4.4 million budgeted for 2016-17.

"It's going up by a few hundred thousand dollars each year as the number of immigrants has come up as well," she said, adding that the funds

to support the Syrian children.

Towers committed during the hearing to check on how much money is being provided to schools to help cope with the added costs.

"That was such a compressed time period to move everyone in and we were learning as we went," said Towers.

The NDP member of the legislature also noted that a funding table showed that funding for the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, the largest settlement agency in the province, had gone from \$3.4 million in 2013-14 down to \$2.7 million this year.

Suzanne Ley, executive director of the office of immigra-

“It's just that the increased numbers of people has not been met with increased provincial funding. Lenore Zann

go to various settlement agencies.

Zann also raised the issue of a request by the Halifax school board for additional funding to help it cover the cost of more English teachers and translation for schools that have seen sudden influxes of Arabic-speaking Syrian children.

The president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union told The Canadian Press earlier this year that teachers were struggling

tion, praised the organization, but said it had been affected by a shift in federal funding for job training.

"We have less to invest in the new program, under the Job Fund Agreement," she said.

She added that some of the settlement funding has been shifted from the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia to the YMCA at nine locations around the province.

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Tory leadership hopefuls attack Trudeau policies

POLITICS

Halifax retreat sees them unite against prime minister

Candidates vying for the leadership of the Conservative Party took aim at the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday, saying its endorsement of the Trudeau government's "left-wing ideology" will only kill jobs and plunge the country further into debt.

Leadership candidate Tony Clement went so far as to accuse Christine Lagarde, the head of the respected international body, of "spouting left-wing ideology" when she praised the fiscal policies of the federal government a day earlier in Ottawa.

"I don't care if it's the Queen

of Sheba — if you're advancing theories based on left-wing ideology that means more tax and more spend, it will not create jobs," he said on the last day of the Conservative caucus retreat in Halifax.

Lagarde met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday and gave her stamp of approval to his economic initiatives, adding that she hoped they would "go viral" and spread to the European Union.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose downplayed the endorsement, saying the IMF had praised the policies of the Tory government under Stephen Harper during the global recession.

Instead, Ambrose said the party is paying closer attention to domestic indicators and the opinions of the Bank of Canada, the Conference Board of Canada and ordinary Canadians struggling with unemployment and

increasing debt.

"Things are quite grim in a lot of parts of our country right now," she said at the end of the two-day retreat.

The IMF's support of Ottawa's growth strategy could serve to weaken the Conservatives' criticism of Trudeau's economic policies, sure to be one of its main targets when it heads back to Parliament on Monday.

But Conservative finance critic Lisa Raitt said that while it's nice to have Lagarde's approval, both she and Trudeau failed to explain how the federal Liberal government will pay for its spending.

"This government has shown us nothing on how they're going to pay it back."

Leadership contender Maxime Bernier said it was a wrong-headed policy at a time of flagging growth in Canada, and that billions in federal spending has done little to spur recovery.



Interim leader Rona Ambrose fields questions at the closing news conference of the national Conservative summer caucus retreat in Halifax on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The MPs made the comments as they wrapped up summer meetings that were dominated by discussions over immigration, electoral reform, party unity and the nascent leadership contest.

Much of the debate in the hallways of the Halifax hotel centred on controversial remarks by leadership Ontario MP and candidate Kellie Leitch, who has proposed screening newcomers

for "anti-Canadian values" as a way to assess their views on issues like gender equality.

The proposal has already caused dissension between some declared candidates, with Michael Chong calling it "unworkable nonsense" and Deepak Obhrai saying it is "anti-immigrant."

Caucus members also looked at ways to make a comeback in Atlantic Canada, a region that

shut out the party in all 32 ridings in the last federal election.

They met with the Conservative leaders from the four Atlantic provinces, adding that they chose Halifax as the site of their retreat in a bid to reassert their presence.

"We want you to think of us when the time comes on election day in 2019," said Ambrose.

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Court upholds 'Mr. Big' acquittal

JUSTICE

RCMP sting targeted woman connected to Steven Skinner

A new Nova Scotia Appeal Court ruling raises fresh questions about the police use of so-called "Mr. Big" tactics, dismissing a Crown appeal in the case of a woman acquitted of being an accessory to murder.

The RCMP targeted Brittany Leigh Derbyshire in 2011 as a way of finding her friend Steven Skinner, an MMA fighter and murder suspect who was believed to have fled the country.

"Whatever (Derbyshire's) role in illegal activities, it does not give to the police carte blanche to coerce confessions," said the appeal court.

Two officers posing as outlaw motorcycle gang members approached the 28-year-old waitress in the underground garage of her Lower Sackville, N.S., apartment building, "wearing high-end tough guy clothes and gold jewel-

lery," according to the appeal court ruling.

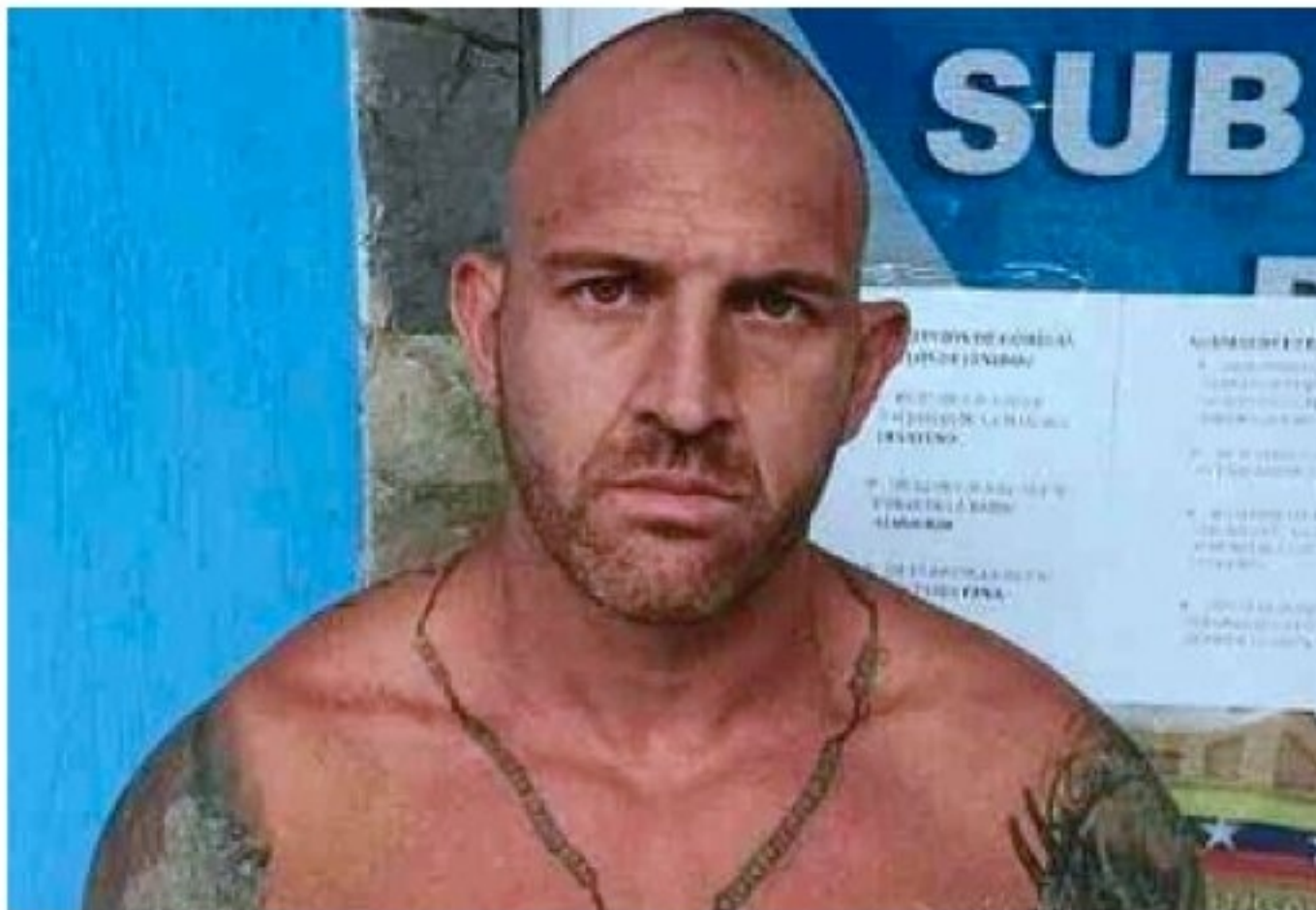
They told her they were sent by "higher-ups from out west to clean up the mess" left behind by Skinner, a suspect in the April 2011 shooting death of Stacey Adams in Lake Echo, N.S.

The undercover Mounties told her they thought she might be a "rat," swore at her, blocked her exit, stopped her from using her cellphone, said she would not be going to work that day, and took her to Moncton, N.B., more than two hours away.

A fearful Derbyshire readily told the pair all about how she drove Skinner, 43, to the Moncton airport and helped him dispose of evidence, the appeal court ruling said.

"She said she was petrified.... She said she felt she had no choice or they would think she was a problem that they would need to get rid of," said the appeal court.

Derbyshire was charged with being an accessory to Adams' murder, but at trial her lawyers successfully argued the police violated her right to silence. The trial judge, Justice



The RCMP targeted Brittany Leigh Derbyshire in 2011 using "Mr. Big" tactics as a way of finding her friend **Steven Skinner**, pictured, an MMA fighter and murder suspect. CONTRIBUTED

“It is the unacceptable use of police tactics to coerce confessions that is problematic.”
Justice Duncan Beveridge

Michael Wood, threw out the evidence gathered in the operation, and then acquitted Derbyshire when the Crown offered no other evidence.

In its appeal, the Crown

argued that though police were forceful at first with Derbyshire, things quickly relaxed and she willingly aided the undercover officers.

But the appeal court disagreed. It cited a Supreme Court of Canada judgement that came down even as the Derbyshire case was being heard, which warned judges to be leery of Mr. Big operations in which police pose as gangsters. It said confessions obtained by undercover officers were unreliable, although it didn't bar them completely.

"It is the unacceptable use of police tactics to coerce confessions that is problematic," Justice Duncan Beveridge wrote in the provincial appeal court's unanimous decision.

The appeal court also rejected a Crown request to ban publication of the undercover officers' names, saying, "It is not in the interests of the administration of justice to create an anonymous police force."

Skinner was arrested on a Venezuelan beach in May 2016 and will face a charge of second-degree murder in Adams' death.

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Investigation marred by 'errors'

An independent review has found the Truro Police Service badly bungled its investigation into the 2005 death of a three-year-old Nova Scotia girl, failing even to get a warrant before seizing items from the suspect's home.

Samantha Mercer died on March 3, 2005, from injuries including a severe head injury.

Terry Dean Allen, the boyfriend of the girl's mother, was charged with manslaughter, but was acquitted in September 2009.

Gerard Mitchell, police commissioner for Prince Edward Island and retired chief justice, said in his report released



Samantha Mercer
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Wednesday that the investigation was flawed in multiple ways.

The case was marred by "procedural errors, neglect, lack of diligence, and failure to provide the Crown with appropriate deliverables in a timely manner," said Mitchell.

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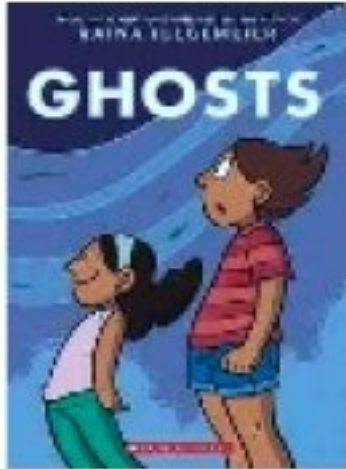
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An undated photo shows a snowy owl in Montana. 86 species of birds are threatened by plummeting populations, habitat destruction and climate change, a report says. THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1.5B fewer birds fly over North America

WILDLIFE

Study blames climate change, loss of habitats — and cats

North American skies have grown quieter over the last decades by the absent songs of 1.5 billion birds, says the latest summary of bird populations.

The survey by dozens of government, university and environmental agencies across North America has also listed 86 species of birds — including once-common and much-loved songbirds such as the evening grosbeak and Canada warbler — that are threatened by plummeting populations, habitat destruction and climate change.

"The information on urgency is quite alarming," said Partners In Flight co-author Judith Kennedy of Environment Canada. "We're really getting down to the dregs of some of these populations."

The report is the most complete survey of land bird numbers to date and attempts to assess the health of populations on a continental basis. It concludes that, while there are still a lot of birds in the sky, there aren't anywhere near as many as there used to be.

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The number of bird species that have already lost at least half of their population since 1970 and are projected to lose another 50 per cent within the next 40 years.

Evening grosbeaks are down 92 per cent since 1970. Snowy owls have lost 64 per cent of their numbers.

Tally it all up and there should be another 1.5 billion birds perching in backyards and flying around in forests than there are, says the report.

Nor are the declines stopping. Among those 86 species, 22 have already lost at least half of their population since 1970 and are projected to lose another 50 per cent of their numbers within the next 40 years.

For at least six species, this "half-life" window is fewer than 20 years.

The culprits are familiar. Agriculture disturbs habitat of grassland birds and introduces pesticides into the landscape. Logging fragments the intact forests birds use as refuelling stations as they migrate. Domestic cats are thought to kill more than two billion birds a year.

"It's the death of a thousand cuts," said Kennedy.

At stake is much more than the pleasure of a little back-window bird song.

The report says birds are crucial indicators of overall ecosystem health. Healthy forests and prairies need healthy bird populations, said Kennedy.

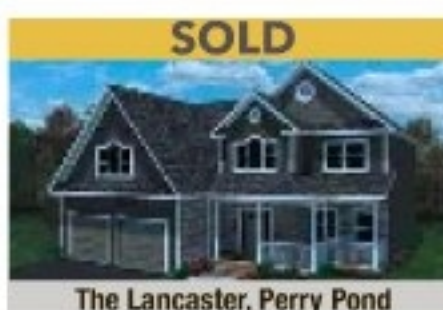
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JOURNALISM

Metro racks up award noms

Metro has been nominated for two Canadian Online Publishing Awards (COPA) for its coverage of traffic fatalities in Toronto and of the Fort McMurray fire in Alberta.

Metro Toronto received a nomination for "Best Article or Series" for Toronto's Deadly Streets.

Bridging investigative journalism and advocacy, managing editor Angela Mullins and reporter Luke Simcoe produced a series that went beyond the statistics to bring the human impact of road deaths to the fore. Their reporting successfully moved public and political opinion regarding traffic-related fatalities.

James Alvir, interactive producer, built an online tool that

helped readers contact their local councillors and agitate for change. Hundreds of readers did just that, and the #TODeadlyStreets hashtag trended on Twitter in Toronto on each of the five days the series ran.

Metro Calgary and Metro Edmonton are nominated for "Best News Coverage" for their reporting of the Fort McMurray fire.

When the city of more than 80,000 people had to be evacuated because a wildfire suddenly switched course, Metro provided readers across Alberta the latest information on the developing event. Darren Krause, Metro Calgary's managing editor, coordinated coverage, providing

readers with a mix of news and must-know utility information as the fire started to burn down entire neighbourhoods. While most travelled south, Metro Edmonton's managing editor, Tim Querengesser, went north to provide coverage from the scene.

Reporters Jeremy Simes, Alex Boyd and Liz Brown recorded the experiences of people fleeing the fire-ravaged city. They included the story of a man who watched his home burn down on his security camera, a 16-year-old girl who fled the city on horseback and a pilot who flew displaced animals to safety.

Winners will be announced on Nov. 7 at an awards ceremony in Toronto. METRO

Canadian vibrator company sued

An American woman has launched a proposed class-action lawsuit against the Canadian-owned maker of a smartphone-enabled vibrator, alleging the company sells products that secretly collect and transmit "highly sensitive" information.

The Chicago-area woman, identified in a statement of claim only as N.P., has made her complaints against Standard Innovation (US) Corp., which is owned by the Ottawa-based Standard Innovation Corp, over a "high-end" vibrator called the

We-Vibe.

The lawsuit, which was filed earlier this month in an Illinois court, explains that to fully operate the device, users download the We-Connect app on a smartphone, allowing them and their partners remote control over the Bluetooth-equipped vibrator's settings.

In particular, the app's "connect lover" feature — which

promises a secure connection — allows partners to exchange text messages, conduct video chats and control a paired We-Vibe device, the woman's statement of claim said.

The woman at the centre of the suit bought her vibrator in May for US\$130, downloaded the app that connects to it and used it on several occasions.

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The We-Vibe 3



Rookie Liberal MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes was at a low point in her ongoing struggle with depression. She received the diagnosis last year after she could not pull herself out of the depths, months after losing a November 2014 by-election.

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Liberal MP opens up on depression

MENTAL HEALTH

Celina Caesar-Chavannes hit low point after byelection loss

Liberal MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes remembers being on a train, tears streaming down her face, trying to calm herself before anyone realized who she was.

"I just kept thinking, 'Oh my God, I hope nobody recognizes me. What's going to happen if somebody recognizes me? This is crazy, Celina! Pull yourself together,'" the parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in an interview Wednesday.

The rookie MP for Whitby, Ont., was at a low point in her ongoing struggle with depression, a diagnosis she received last year after she could not pull herself out of the depths months after losing a November 2014 byelection.

She found herself feeling embarrassed, guilty and, despite her political success and a supportive family, internalizing the stigma surrounding mental illness.

"I was beating myself up," she said, telling herself that she was disappointing everyone around her.

"The more I did that, the

worse I got," she said.

Now, she has decided to speak out about her experience to let others know they are not alone, encourage them to seek help and push her colleagues, including Trudeau, to do more on mental health.

She said reaching out for help can be particularly hard for some communities, including women of colour like herself.

"We hide it, we bury it, because we are supposed to be good — we are supposed to be twice as good," she said. "It's not human and it's not possible and so somebody needs to say, it's not possible for you to be 100 per cent all the time," she said.

Trudeau spokesman Cameron Ahmad said that as someone who has spoken about mental illness in his family — his mother, Margaret Trudeau, lives with bipolar disorder — the prime



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Celina Caesar-Chavannes

minister would always encourage others to feel supported.

"It shouldn't be something that should be kept in the dark," he said Wednesday.

Caesar-Chavannes said she has been putting her privileged position to use by speaking to her colleagues — including Trudeau and Health Minister Jane Philpott — about some of things she thinks need improving in the mental-health system.

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POLITICS

NDP prevents caucus revolt against Mulcair

The NDP managed to avert a caucus revolt in Montreal on Wednesday, as MPs emerged to show continued support for outgoing leader Tom Mulcair.

The party is now trying to turn its attention to its work in Parliament while it attempts to deal with internal matters such as shrinking fundraising and sliding poll numbers.

Mulcair, who is set to stay at the helm of the NDP until a successor is named in fall 2017, has been under recent pressure

from some current and former MPs to leave immediately.

Mulcair emerged from closed-door discussions Wednesday morning to say he was "honoured and humbled" by the continued support.

No formal leadership vote took place during the meeting, said caucus chair Charlie Angus, who acknowledged the party's base has been frustrated following a disastrous election.

So far, there are no official candidates to replace Mulcair.

NDP House leader Peter Julian, who is considering a leadership run, said Wednesday the party will rebuild itself.

"What we have to do is show the differences between the Liberal promises and the reality," Julian said. "The government has a very good image machine but that's quite superficial. Beyond the image that the government puts out, not a lot has changed for regular families, not a lot has changed for impoverished seniors." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Tom Mulcair

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Millions of refugee kids have no schools, UN report says

REPORT

Only 50 per cent have access to education

More than half of the 6 million refugee children under the mandate of the United Nations have no access to school just as the refugee school-age population is exploding by 600,000 a year, a new report says.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees report, only 50 per cent of refugee children around the world have access to primary school education, compared with a global average of more than 90 per cent.

As these unschooled children grow older, the gap becomes even more startling: only 22 per cent of refugee teens go to high school compared to 84 per cent globally and just 1 per cent attend university, compared to 34 per cent around the world.



According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees report, only 50 per cent of refugee children around the world have access to primary school education. CONTRIBUTED

"By educating tomorrow's leaders, be they engineers, poets, doctors, scientists, philosophers or computer programmers, we are giving refugees

the intellectual tools to shape the future," says the 48-page report to be released in Geneva Thursday.

The report comes in advance

of world leaders gathering next week at the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants and U.S. President Barack Obama's Leaders' Summit

on the Global Refugee Crisis.

The report will serve as the backdrop to the summits' discussions to set targets and secure aid funding to ensure every school-age refugee receives a quality education.

"This represents a crisis for millions of refugee children," Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a statement. "Refugee education is sorely neglected, when it is one of the few opportunities we have to transform and build the next generation."

Grandi said the refugee school-age population grew by 30 per cent in 2014 alone, which means an average of at least 12,000 additional classrooms and 20,000 extra teachers are needed each year.

There are now 65 million displaced people around the world, including 21 million outside of their native countries. Eighty-five per cent of these refugees are hosted in poor developing countries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BY THE NUMBERS

16.1 million

Number of refugees under UNHCR mandate

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School-age refugees who have no school to go to

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TECHNOLOGY

Teen creates hijab emoji for 'women across the globe'



Rebecca Williams
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A Muslim teen is asking Apple to create an emoji of a woman wearing a hijab to better represent "millions of women across the globe."

Apple announced a slew of new emojis aimed at being more diverse gender-wise, including women weightlifting, swimming and donning a construction hat.

But for 15-year-old Rayouf Alhumedhi, the lack of representation for Muslim women was a glaring omission.

The Saudi teen, who lives in Germany, has already written a proposal to push Apple for the new emoji with the help of tech insiders, including Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian.

"Roughly 500 million Muslim women on this earth pride themselves on wearing the hijab," reads the proposal addressed to Apple CEO Tim Cook and Unicode, the body in charge of approving changes to the emoji library.

"With this enormous number of people, not a single space on the keyboard is reserved for them."



Fifteen-year-old Rayouf Alhumedhi wants 500 million Muslim women to finally be represented in emoji-form. CONTRIBUTED



When I wear the headscarf I actually feel liberated.

Rayouf Alhumedhi

Alhumedhi also recommends allowing the woman in the headscarf emoji to be changed to different skin tones to better represent the different ethnicities who wear the hijab, as well as a headscarf emoji to represent Muslim men.

The teen took to Reddit Tuesday for an "Ask Me Anything," where she opened up about what wearing the hijab means for her and about how her life has changed since moving to

Germany.

"Might seem baffling, but when I wear the headscarf I actually feel liberated because I'm in control of what I want to cover," she writes.

Alhumedhi told the BBC that it was in a discussion with her friends that she realized that there was no emoji that represented her.

If approved, Alhumedhi's emoji would be available in 2017.

Tech gadget makers confusing customers

TECHNOLOGY

Samsung and Apple have both fumbled upgrades

What's worse, a phone that gets "bricked" by a software update, or one that has a tendency to spontaneously combust?

Right now, those are your options from the world's top two smartphone manufacturers, and it points to a bigger problem — many electronics manufacturers are delivering muddled products and even worse messages, making it difficult for consumers to upgrade. Consider:

1. On Tuesday, Apple released iOS 10, an update to its operating system that immediately started seizing up people's smartphones. The company quickly released a fix, but not before plenty of outrage.

2. Samsung's latest phone,



Apple's iOS10 software update launched with bugs that "bricked" older iPhones, prompting online outrage. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

the Galaxy Note 7, is a potential fire hazard that's become a pariah in airplanes, subways and anywhere else fires aren't welcome.

3. The new iPhone 7 hits stores on Friday, and thanks to the company's "courage," it's missing a key piece of technology — the headphone jack — that makes it less consum-

er friendly than the previous model.

With the onslaught of new products, it should feel like gadget-geek Christmas. But the fumbles and anti-consumer moves make even the true early adopter stop and think about shelling out.

We just lived through an impressive decade of smartphone

improvement and innovation. But now, upgrades tend to feature smaller changes and improvements as opposed to whole new products. Apple, for example, is moving to a three-year upgrade cycle from two years, so the company is carefully doling out new features.

Apple tied the new phone with the launch of iOS10, a software update which would hopefully make older iPhones feel like new. Even with a three-month-long beta to work out the kinks, it still launched and promptly bricked an unknown number of phones, prompting online outrage. The company issued a fix, although many users are rightfully gun shy about installing it.

With Samsung, the company has engineered its production capabilities to fully take on Apple, and its Note 7 beat the iPhone 7 to market. But due to a full-scale recall, the company is facing lost billions to fix the issue, plus lost sales and brand value. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DIGEST

Hi-tech cars, robot chefs and rising bread

1 A driverless future: Uber riders in Pittsburgh can get a glimpse of the future by summoning a car capable of handling most of the tasks of driving on its own.

Starting Wednesday, a fleet of self-driving Ford Fusions will pick up Uber riders who opted to participate in a test program.

While features allow the vehicles to navigate on their own, an Uber engineer will sit in the driver's seat and seize control if things go awry. Uber's test program is the latest move in an increasingly heated race between tech companies in Silicon Valley and traditional automakers to perfect fully driverless cars for regular people.

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2 Did robots help make your pizza? If you ordered it from Silicon Valley's Zume Pizza, the answer is yes.

The startup, which began delivery in April, is using intelligent machines to grab a slice of the multibillion-dollar pizza delivery market.

Zume is one of a growing number of food-tech firms seeking to disrupt the restaurant industry with software and robots.

The company will soon add robots to prep the dough, add cheese and toppings, take pizzas out of the oven, cut them into slices and box them for delivery.

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3 Panera to spread nationwide: One of the largest franchise operators of Pizza Hut and KFC locations in North America has scooped up most of the Panera Bread bakery-café in Ontario, with plans to grow the fresh soup and sandwich chain across Canada. Woodstock, N.B.-based Franchise Management Inc. announced Wednesday the company will assume ownership and management of 12 Panera outlets, mostly in the Greater Toronto Area. Panera Bread is known for its fresh-baked breads, soups and hand-crafted salads and sandwiches.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON AN EX-PM'S ILL-ADVISED ADVICE



For pipeline proponents, recent developments offer an opportunity to once again try to prod Trudeau himself into action. Mulroney, for one, should know better than to flog that particular horse.

Once in a blue moon, or maybe a bit more often than that, someone who should know better offers the prime minister of the day some strikingly flawed advice.

Such is the case of Brian Mulroney's recommendation that Justin Trudeau personally take charge of the controversial Energy East pipeline file.

In a speech in Calgary this week, the former Tory prime minister offered his successful negotiation of a watershed free-trade agreement with the United States in the late 1980s as the template Trudeau should borrow to advance TransCanada's pipeline plan.

"What we now need for an exceptional, cohesive effort to make the most of our resource base is a similarly clear commitment from the top, led by the prime minister, with a unique, high-quality organizational structure drawing expertise from across Canada, and a genuine partnership that will spearhead expansion of our resources, expedite infrastructure construction and bolster a broader diversification of our resources," the former Tory prime minister told his Alberta audience.

It should be said at the outset that this is advice offered in good faith. At a time when most were still sneering at the notion that Trudeau could become prime minister, Mulroney was talking up his

potential.

As opposed to other prominent Energy East backers — such as former Quebec premier Jean Charest who was at one point on contract as a consultant to TransCanada — Mulroney has no financial connection to the project. (He

parties such as Charest, whose interests were vested in the project.

The next panel will be made up of members hand-picked by the Trudeau government rather than legacy Conservative appointees. That should go some way to restore cred-

battlefield.

And then, the dynamics of a top-down prime ministerial effort to rally support for a pipeline in the name of nation-building would be more akin to the ill-fated constitutional rounds that took place on Mulroney's watch than to the trade negotiations that led to the FTA and NAFTA.

If there is one former prime minister who should know the limits of the persuasive powers of a top-down policy consensus, it should be Mulroney. He and his government succeeded twice in securing unanimous provincial support for two successive constitutional accords.

Within a year of the negotiation of the Meech Lake accord in 1987, premiers of a different constitutional persuasion had replaced Mulroney's allies in New Brunswick and Manitoba. And no amount of establishment support from virtually every quarter of Canadian society could salvage the subsequent Charlottetown accord from the fury of voters.

Back when Mulroney and the premiers set out to proactively redress Quebec's constitutional grievances, the sovereignty movement was at low ebb. These days it is similarly at a loss for an issue with enough popular traction to restore its momentum.

Anyone who is close to the Quebec scene can testify that a show of federal force on Energy East could be the answer to the sovereigntist prayers for optimal conditions for a return to power of a majority Parti Québécois government and — perhaps in time — another shot at referendum.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.



TAKE IT FROM HIM Former prime minister Brian Mulroney has said Justin Trudeau should take a lesson from the free-trade negotiations with the U.S. in the late '80s and assume leadership on the oilsands-pipeline file. LARRY MCDUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

does toil in a law firm that, like its competition, is always on the lookout for more energy industry clients.)

Mulroney is not the first to call on Trudeau to jump in front of the pipeline parade and, given the travails of the National Energy Board in dealing with Energy East, he will not be the last.

On Friday the three-member NEB panel tasked with vetting the plan to link the oilsands to the Atlantic coast belatedly recused itself amidst enduring questions as to its independence.

In hindsight, that should have happened as soon as news surfaced earlier this summer of private meetings between panel members and

ability to the process. Further down the road, it would make a pro-Energy East recommendation harder for Trudeau to dismiss.

But for pipeline proponents, the latest developments also offer an opportunity to once again try to prod Trudeau himself into action. Mulroney, for one, should know better than to flog that particular horse.

The current prime minister does have an enviable amount of political capital. But then, so did former Quebec premier Lucien Bouchard when he took on the role of chief lobbyist for the shale gas industry in Quebec a few years ago. Not only did Bouchard fail to advance the argument, he also left a lot of his credibility on the

Suspicion of immigrants is a Canadian value



Desmond Cole

Conservative MP and party leadership contender Kellie Leitch doesn't really want a conversation on Canadian values.

The callous Leitch, who has been insisting lately that we consider a values test for prospective immigrants, simply wants to boost her brand by playing to racist and xenophobic fears of some Conservative party supporters. Modern conservative groups keep questioning immigrants' values because they know their liberal political opponents, who are prone to the same prejudiced scapegoating, will struggle to condemn them.

Many have called Leitch's proposal impractical, since no one person or group can define Canadian values. That's a nice idea, but we know the values our politicians attempt to sell us are a reflection of our colonial, white, British heritage. There are such things as Canadian values, and they explain how our politicians have been peddling a fear of foreigners for the last 150 years.

Suspicion of all immigrants who are not white, or are not members of the former British Empire, is a Canadian value. Canada's founding prime minister, John A. Macdonald, argued that Chinese immigrants to Canada were unfit to vote because they exhibited "no British instincts or British feelings or aspirations." Macdonald didn't need to cloak the authority of the state in the language of wanting a "conversation" about immigrants; in his time, there was no conversation to be had.

Assurances that we no longer live in the 19th century

are beside the point. Every politician from Macdonald to Leitch has been able to bank on significant support by distinguishing between British or Canadian values and those of everyone else. Yes, even many newer immigrants echo these suspicions of outsiders' customs or beliefs. They may hail from countries that our government is wary of. The pressure on these newcomers to conform — to validate the wisdom of the system that chose them, to scrutinize those who come after them — must be overwhelming.

Leitch may not win her leadership contest, but the fact her naked appeal to prejudice can still spur "debate" in this country says it all. Polls suggest a majority of Canadians agree with Leitch's call to screen immigrants for good values. Few of us really care about the content of the questionnaire. What we care about is our very Canadian right to demand that immigrants be scrutinized against the comfort and well-being of those already established here.

Conservatives are more likely to support the traditional dominant values openly. It was Leitch who announced a 2015 Conservative campaign proposal to create a "barbaric cultural practices hotline." Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who has cast himself as being far more progressive on immigration and cultural issues, had little to say about the Macarthyist snitch line — Trudeau and his party had quietly voted in favour of a Conservative law called the "Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act" only four months before the election.

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B.C. author Tilar J. Mazzeo's latest book, *Irena's Children*, is the high-adventure tale of Irena Sendler, a "female Oskar Schindler." The Polish social worker rescued 2,500 mostly Jewish children during the Second World War by hiding them in coffins and smuggling them through Warsaw's sewers, with help from her network of resourceful teenagers.

But none of that was what Mazzeo's tweenage stepson was most interested in.

"His favourite was the part about Irena Sendler's dog," Mazzeo said. "It's interesting what kids pick up on — the idea that the dog helped, by barking to distract the Germans."

Irena's Children is coming out Sept. 27 in two distinct versions simultaneously, one for adults and one for young readers 10 and up. That's the one her stepson devoured.

Her work is part of a trend: Publishers are adapting adult titles — both backlisted books and new ones like Mazzeo's — for younger audiences.

It's a strategy to squeeze more revenue out of a single title, and to respond to the demand for good books, especially non-fiction, for middle-grade readers.

"That nine to 12 age is super hard," said Kelly Jensen, an editor at Book Riot and former children's librarian. "You have reluctant readers, and some kids who are super eager readers," whose teachers and parents might not want them browsing the YA shelves just yet, Jensen said.

Young readers' editions of well-known titles might be attractive to publishers because they're "safe picks," for school libraries and classrooms, Jensen added. "It's going to be a good story, you know what it's about, without the topics that would make a parent cringe."

But it has to be done right — and there's a fine line between making material age-appropriate and "dumbing down," she said.

"I look at the young reader editions that are 350 pages and think, 'A 10-year-old's not going to pick that up unless they're super into it. And if they're super into it, they might pick up the adult version,'" Jensen said.

Mazzeo, author of *Irena's Children*, was happy with how her young readers' edition turned out. She adapted it with help from Mary Cronk Farrell, who has extensive experience in YA.

"Part of it is to encourage families to read together," Mazzeo said. "The parents can read the grown-up version and children can read the young readers edi-



The gruesome Holocaust scenes in the adult edition of Tilar Mazzeo's *Irena's Children* (top left) were edited out of the adaptation for young readers (above). CONTRIBUTED

tion. And you can have conversations about important ethical, moral and historical subjects."

The scenes of violence against children were, naturally, left out of the kids' edition. It's not always clear, though, when adaptation tips over into censorship.

For example, Sendler's affair

with a married man is a key plot point in *Irena's Children*, but in the young-reader version the character is just her friend.

"I'm not totally sure, personally, we needed to edit that out," Mazzeo said. "But ... some people would not want their children reading about marital infidelity."



“Children can read the young readers’ edition, and you can have conversations about important ethical, moral and historical subjects.”

Tilar J. Mazzeo

"The bigger point was you would not want a child not reading a story about something really heroic that happened in the Second World War simply because of that issue."

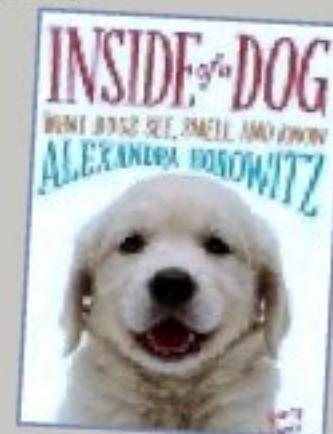
Cognitive scientist Alexandra Horowitz faced a similar challenge while adapting her 2009 bestseller *Inside of a Dog*.

She pushed to keep technical words like "umwelt" — a term for the internal world of a dog. New concepts are an important part of getting excited about a book, Horowitz said. "I've had good feedback so far. Children are torturing their parents with that word."

READ IT

Adult titles that have been adapted for kids

- *I am Malala: Young readers edition* Malala Yousafzai (2014)
- *Inside of a Dog: Young readers edition* Alexandra Horowitz (2016)
- *Far from the Tree, young young readers edition*, Andrew Solomon (forthcoming in 2017)
- *The Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Readers Edition* Michael Pollan (2009)



Big-name novelists getting in on the trend

- *Unbroken, Young readers edition* Laura Hillenbrand (forthcoming in 2017)
- *Da Vinci Code, the YA Adaptation* Dan Brown (2016)

NEW BOOK

Religion plays central role in Emma Donoghue's *The Wonder*

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



During the summer of 1985, residents of a small Irish town claimed to have seen a statue of the Virgin Mary move.

The event spawned other sightings across the country of divine statues moving, breathing and even crying, drawing thousands of curiosity seekers and devout Catholics in prayer.

Emma Donoghue — author of the international bestselling novel *Room* — was just a teen-

ager at the time but she remembers finding the entire phenomenon embarrassing.

"It seemed to me to be a classic case of mass hysteria," she says. "I found it alarming that at a point when Ireland desperately needed to modernize, instead it was having this medieval flashback."

A dubious miracle also drives Donoghue's new novel, *The Wonder*, which was longlisted last week for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. Set in 1850s Ireland, a young devout Catholic girl named Anna O'Donnell hasn't eaten for months, believed to be

subsisting on manna from God. As her notoriety increases, a village committee hires Lib, an English nurse who was trained by Florence Nightingale, to ensure Anna isn't sneaking in food and that she is indeed a miracle.

When Anna's health begins to rapidly deteriorate, with her teeth falling out and a downy hair covering her body, skeptical Lib finds herself up against those who would willingly let the child die in the name of religious fanaticism.

Donoghue was initially inspired by the stories of Fasting

Girls, which took place between the 16th and 20th centuries, where a group of women, young and old, survived without food for inexplicably long periods of time. "I've always been intrigued by cases of people who are very powerless yet end up becoming famous or lauded or put on show," she says.

While Donoghue often bases her historical fiction on true events, she decided not to focus *The Wonder* on any particular person. Some stories she found too sad, while others were obvious hoaxes so ridiculous she

would have ended up writing a comedy.

Although Anna's situation is certainly extreme, Donoghue has observed that ideals of contemporary femininity — of being "ladylike and dainty" — have not changed much over the centuries, which is perhaps why many of the 50 fasting cases on record were young women.

"It's the idea that femininity is defined through not showing your appetites for sex or food or power," she says. "Obviously there are very particular factors going on in the case of the one

I've written about. It's very much to do with Ireland and Catholicism, but there's also a more universal message to teenage girls to be good and be small."

While the church certainly doesn't get off easy in her novel, Donoghue's intention with *The Wonder* was not to directly attack Catholicism, but rather to point out the dangers of fundamentalism.

"Really, you could have set this novel in many extreme religious communities, with the emphasis on purity and goodness and rules," she says.

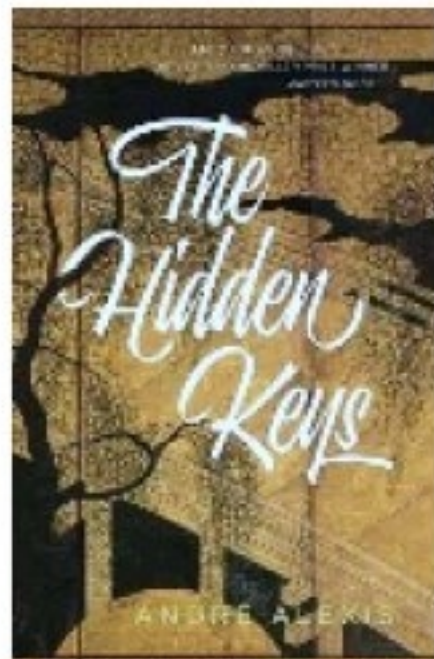
Curl up this fall with these books

New books are dropping on our desk like falling leaves lately; there are so many good reads to curl up with, but some stand out. We've picked seven of our favourites to get you through the season. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SEPT. 19

Andre Alexis, *The Hidden Keys*

In 2015, Alexis won the Scotiabank Giller Prize for his novel *Fifteen Dogs*. This newest is the third in the series of five — a quincunx — where he turns standard story constructs on their head. In this one he was inspired by reading Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, so there is, indeed, a buried treasure of sorts and a cast of characters who go to great lengths to find it.



SEPT. 27

Marni Jackson, *Don't I Know You*

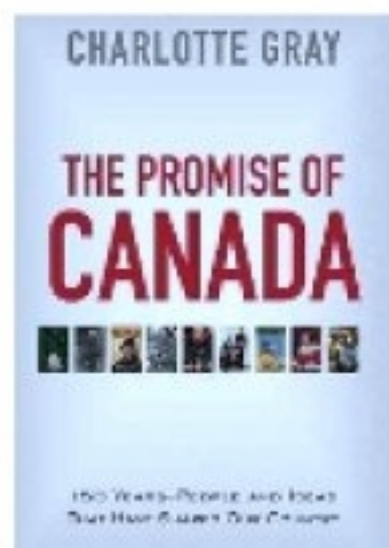
Marni Jackson is familiar to so many Canadian readers through her journalism; now she's written her first novel, a trip through generations of celebrities via one character, Rose McEwan, whose life from the age of 17 is peppered with cameos from Meryl Streep, Neil Young and Leonard Cohen.



OCT. 18

Charlotte Gray, *The Promise of Canada*

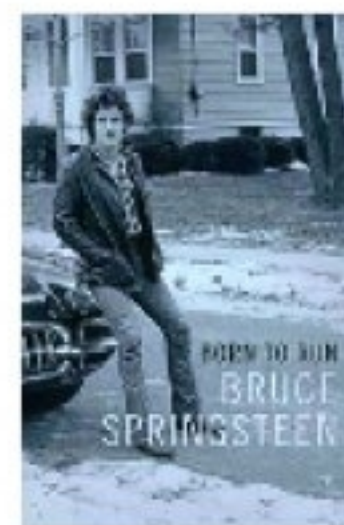
As Canada gets set for its 150th birthday next year, historian and biographer Charlotte Gray takes a look at the people who helped shape the country. Another worthy contribution to the celebrations is comedian Mike Meyers.



SEPT. 27

Bruce Springsteen, *Born to Run*

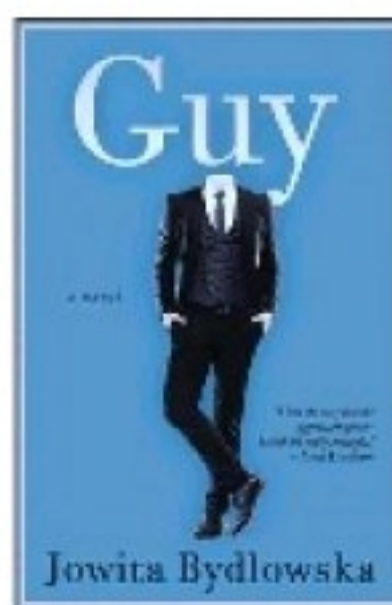
He has spent the last seven years working on his autobiography, according to his publisher. And in it he gives fans everything they are hoping to discover: stories about his New Jersey childhood, seeing Elvis on the Ed Sullivan Show, his bar band days; he wanted to "show the reader his mind."



NOV. 1

Jowita Bydlowska, *Guy*

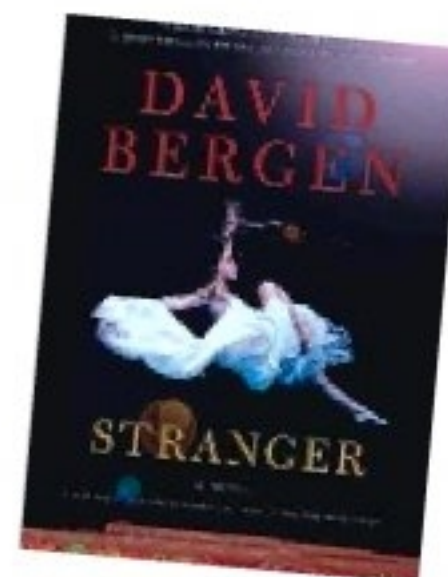
This darkly funny book gets you from the first page — where Guy introduces women not by their names but by how he rates them: as a four-and-a-half, or a one. The idea is to take a look at a misogynist guy from his point of view, and provide some biting social commentary along the way.



OCT. 25

Stranger, David Bergen

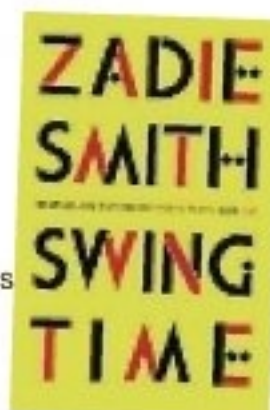
This is a timely story — a young Guatemalan woman working at a fertility clinic becomes pregnant by the American doctor there; the child is taken from her to the U.S., which she enters illegally in an effort to find her. This powerful novel takes a look at wealth, poverty and dislocation.



NOV. 15

Zadie Smith, *Swing Time*

U.K. writer Zadie Smith's new novel is about two friends who dream of being dancers; one of them has talent and one doesn't, but they both pursue their dreams with much different outcomes. Smith's novels tend to cause a stir: her debut *White Teeth* came out to acclaim and *On Beauty* won the Orange prize.



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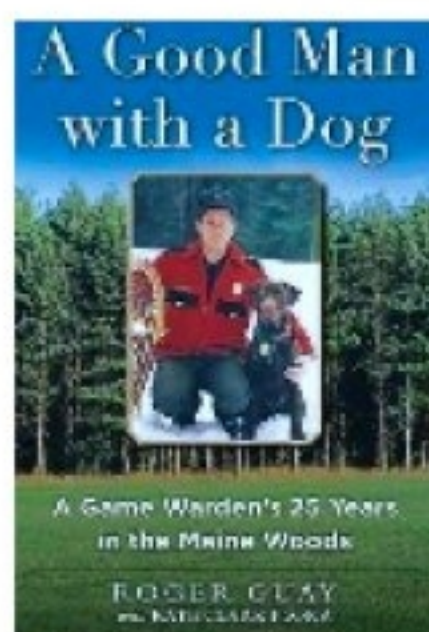
BOOKS ALL ABOUT OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

Dogs — heroic and loyal, neurotic and naughty — are off the leash in these new books about canine culture. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



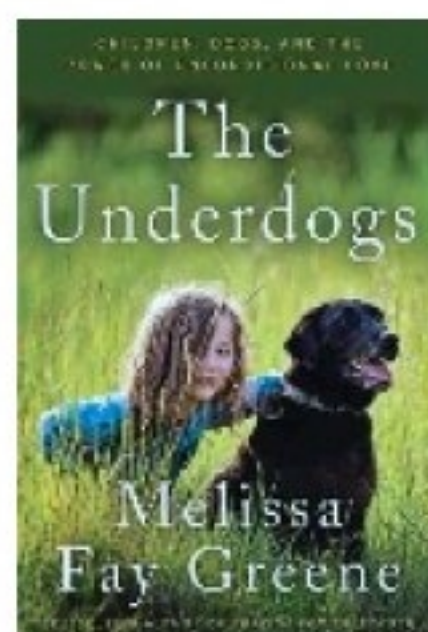
1 Science

What Is a Dog? Raymond and Lorna Coping — both of whom are biologists who specialize in *Canis familiaris* — set out to answer this complex question in this scholarly but accessible book recently published by the University of Chicago Press. They focus on the evolutionary and geopolitical, but expect a strong bioethical underpinning as well. It's a fascinating look at dogs: did you know, for example, that worldwide there are less than 200 million dogs living as pets — but four times as many are skilled scavengers who have created independent lives scavenging in the vicinity of humans?



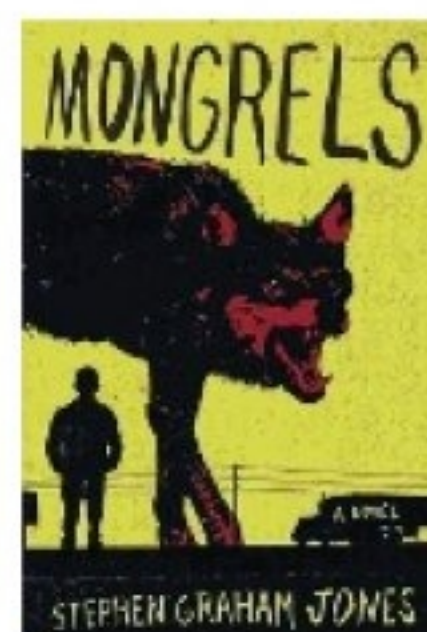
2 Memoir

Roger Guay is a K9 master trainer, and in his eventful memoir — co-written with **Kate Clark Flora** — he acquaints us with his relationship with dogs over a quarter century. **A Good Man With a Dog: A Game Warden's 25 Years in the Maine Woods** opens with Guay, his Labrador retriever, Rader, out corpses in New Orleans six weeks after Katrina.



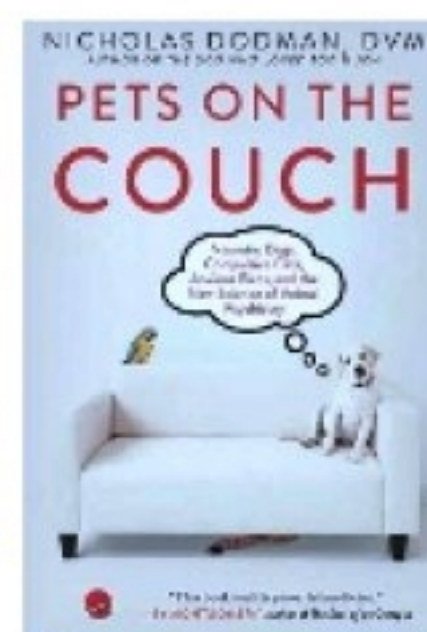
3 Non-fiction

In her sixth book, **The Underdogs: Children Dogs, and the Power of Unconditional Love**, **Melissa Fay Greene** explores the empathy between children and dogs through the stories of several seriously disabled youngsters whose emotional and physical lives have been transformed through the kid-canine connection.



4 Fiction

The narrator of **Stephen Graham Jones' Mongrels** is a mixed-blood kid who is part human, part werewolf. His uncle, Darren, and aunt, Libby, "shifted" when they were 10. He's just a bit younger when we meet him and he's hoping that his wolf side asserts itself soon. This is a coming-of-age tale, with a fully realized taxonomy of what it means to be a werewolf.



5 Health

Nicholas Dodman, author of *The Dog Who Loved Too Much*, *Dogs Behaving Badly* and *The Well-Adjusted Dog*, is back, and this new book, **Pets on the Couch**, includes all sorts of animal patients, but most of them are dogs — including dogs with seizure disorders, aggression, PTSD, anxiety and dementia.

THE SUN ALSO RISES ANALYSIS

Hemingway worked his brand

Ernest Hemingway has a special place in the heart of Torontonians. In the early 1920s he worked for the *Toronto Star* as a reporter, writing from post-WWI Europe and also Toronto. The brevity of his style and the ability to soak in detail, capture dialogue and explain character were elements he learned as a journalist and were brilliantly transferred to his fiction, as Lesley M.M. Blume describes in *Everybody Behaves Badly: The True Story Behind Hemingway's Masterpiece The Sun Also Rises*. It was Hemingway's first great

lives in Paris; and in a seemingly unintellectual way, he is exceedingly intellectual. He is reinventing modern language. It was an intoxicating formula to promoting Hemingway.

In *The Sun Also Rises* you can see the influence of journalism, the brevity, the lack of great swathes of description and subordinate clauses. But he complained about being a reporter.

He protested too much. He didn't hate being a reporter. He hated that it was taking

Hemingway's journalism did inform his style and gave him a huge amount of material to work with. All his short stories come from materials he accrued when ricocheting around Europe.

Hemingway wasn't the only one who wanted to strip down Victorian frippery. But he was the first one to do it.

He told one of his editors: 'There is nothing in my work that somebody without a high school education can't relate to.' He also said the highbrow critics "will get what I am up to." He was able to hit both the high note and the low note.

He could turn on you. Think Gertrude Stein, F. Scott Fitzgerald, his wives, all the people who supported him whom he pushed away.

Documenting this period in his life was trying to understand the nature of his charisma that would draw people to him even though he constantly turned on them. *The Sun Also Rises* was strong public evidence of Hemingway's ability to turn on those who had helped him. The book was breathtakingly literal. The people he chose as characters were so shrewd and so cool and so accurately reported.

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“He inspired slavish devotion, even though he was unable to maintain happy relationships

Lesley M.M. Blume on Ernest Hemingway

novel, a roman à clef. Here Blume talks about Hemingway from her home in Los Angeles.

You note, “No one was a better promoter of Hemingway than Hemingway.”

He had charisma; he was larger than life. He came to Europe at the age of 22 as a Midwesterner with a big outdoor lifestyle and a huge appetite for living. Writers didn't look like Hemingway. He is a guy who breathes the outdoors. He is sexy; he is handsome; he

away time from what he considered his real writing. He was terrified someone else would do what he was trying to do in prose and break through before he did.

Hemingway was a really good reporter. He got huge assignments for a rookie reporter. He was 23 and interviewing Mussolini. The confidence of his dispatches, his knowledge of world events and his ability to encapsulate what was happening in Europe is incredible.



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Gosling on fame and all that jazz

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Canadian actor reflects on his own success in L.A.

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Ryan Gosling should become an annual fixture at the Toronto International Film Festival. After all, he's premiered such hits as *Blue Valentine* and *Drive* here, and now that the London, Ont.-born actor is back, he's once again brought a certain buzz to the city.

"It's great to come home," said Gosling, gazing out the window of a top floor in the Ritz-Carlton hotel.

"I left Canada so I could make movies in Los Angeles so it feels good to bring those movies home."

This latest film must feel particularly pleasing for him to present to Canada.

After all, it's about his adopted home, Los Angeles — where he moved when he was merely 16 and since found monumental movie stardom.

An audacious musical about the romance between an aspiring jazz musician and an impassioned actress (Emma Stone), *La La Land* has been turning heads with its catchy musical numbers and big-screen charm.

But amongst the spectacle, Gosling should also be singled out for learning jazz piano prior to filming.

"I dove right in — I always wanted to play piano and what an opportunity to spend three months with a great tutor playing music that you like," said Gosling, who admits to having lost his chops since.



Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone are two artists trying to chase their dreams in L.A. CONTRIBUTED

"Some of the pieces I could still play but jazz is very, very difficult."

The musical, which has been enchanting Toronto audiences and finding itself on the top of many critics' Oscar-favourite lists, balances fantastic set pieces with themes of risk and rejection, elements every struggling ac-

tor in Hollywood knows well — except maybe the 35-year-old thespian.

"I didn't know any better," recalled Gosling of his early ambition in Tinseltown.

"I didn't have any real frame of reality (so) in my mind it was possible."

Ryan Gosling on arriving in L.A. when he was 16 years old, to pursue an acting career

"I didn't have any real frame of reality (so) in my mind it was possible."

"If I had gone later in life, I don't know if I would've gone. But I certainly don't think I would've put myself out there in the way I did."

While the Oscar-nominee credits his conviction for success in showbiz, he admits

it's not always been an easy ride. Even with the luck he's had, Gosling still feels every role is a risk.

"It's always a crap-shoot," said Gosling.

"Although with this I have to say that it felt like if it was as fun to watch as it was to make, we would have something that worked."

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A DIY home project to cheer for

CRAFTING This pompom blanket is cute and practical

Pompom blankets are a classic find in the souks of Morocco. Celebrated for their handcrafted woven beauty, you'll also spot them in an endless stream of Instagram-worthy spaces.

Whether they're used as a traditional bedspread or as a cozy throw to curl up with on the sofa, it's easy to craft your own version using do-it-yourself pompoms and a purchased blanket.

Step 1: Gather supplies
We used super bulky yarn for this project. The advantage of this type of yarn is that it can result in a larger, fluffier pom-pom in less time.

It's also easier to separate the strands of yarn to fluff them out when it is thicker. Two skeins of bulky yarn make approximately 12 pompoms depending on size.

The pompoms are easy to attach to the blanket. If you're using a blanket with an open weave, you won't need the needle and thread. You'll easily be able to tie the pompoms to the edge. If you are using a blanket with a tighter weave, like the blanket we used, you will

need to sew the pompom to the blanket.

We used a vintage blanket found at a thrift shop but you can pick up a throw from most home décor retailers.

You'll need:

- Yarn — super bulky, two skeins
- Scissors
- Blanket or throw
- Cardboard
- Embroidery needle
- Embroidery thread

SUPPLIES

We used a vintage blanket found at a thrift shop, however, you can pick up a throw from most home décor retailers.

Step 2: Start wrapping!
We're sharing two ways to make a pompom. The first method uses a piece of cardboard. The second method uses your hand. Cut a piece of cardboard for wrapping the yarn. The wider the piece of cardboard, the larger the pompom will be. Wrap the yarn around the width of the cardboard until you achieve desired thickness. We wrapped the yarn around approximately 30 times. It all depends on thickness of yarn.

Step 3: Tie it up
Cut a piece of yarn long enough to tie around the middle of the wrapped yarn (approximately six inches). Lay the yarn on a table and carefully slide the



Pompom blankets are great to curl up with on the couch — or take it to your freezing office. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

wound yarn off the cardboard onto the piece of yarn. Tie the piece of yarn around the middle of the wound yarn, very tightly.

Step 4: Make the pompom
Hold the two pieces of loose string from tying the pom-pom. Using sharp scissors, on one side of the pompom, start cutting through the loops of yarn.

Repeat on the other side. Ensure all of the loops are cut. Do not cut the loose yarn strings or the yarn holding the pompom together.

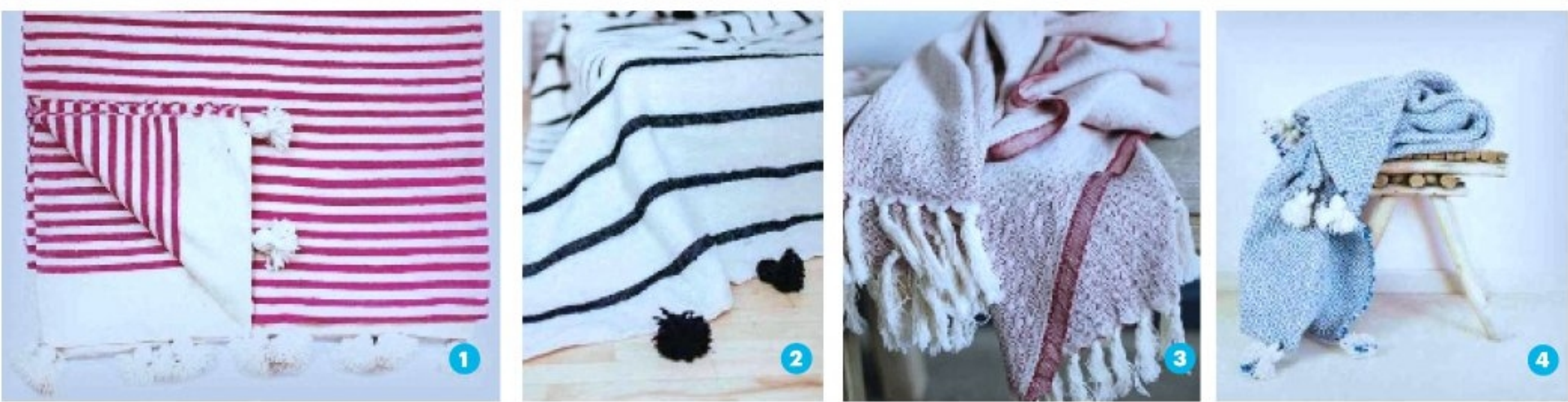
Step 5: Fluff and trim
After cutting through all the loops of yarn begin separating the strands and fluffing the pompom. Trim away extra

yarn to create a ball. Keep trimming and fluffing the pompom to achieve the desired shape.

Step 6: Attach the pompom
If you are using a blanket with a tight weave you will need to sew the pompom to the blanket. To do this, thread an embroidery needle with embroidery thread. Knot the end of

the thread. Thread the needle through the pompom, where it is tied, and sew the pompom to the blanket. If you are using a blanket with an open weave, simply tie the pompom to the blanket. Thread the uncut yarn pieces through an open weave at the edge of the blanket and tie.

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RETAIL
Not feeling crafty? Buy it

Not feeling the desire to pull out your scissors?

We've got you covered with

a selection of pompom blankets to give your space a playful edge while avoiding a trip to the craft store.

1 Baba Souk This Montreal based shop stocks some of the chicest handmade décor and

fashion from Moroccan souks (markets) and independent designers with a Boho spirit. Rustic Pompom Wool Blanket, Queen Size - Pink \$225/ free shipping Ready to ship.

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Home sweet realistic first home

MORTGAGE BROKERS

Find out what you can afford before you go house hunting

Jason Menard

For first-time home buyers, information is key — but having the right information can make all the difference.

"A good number of first-time home buyers will look at the marketplace first then go to a broker," explained Paul Taylor, president and CEO of Mortgage Professionals Canada. "There may be a disconnect between what they want and what they can afford."

Instead, it may be more beneficial for new home buyers to determine what they can afford — and make a realistic plan based on existing debt and contingencies. Taylor said brokers can help in that process.

"Generally, people will make assumptions on the amount of debt that they're comfortable with and able to afford," he said. "A broker will walk you through your debt — student loans, credit card debt — and provide you with a realistic price range."

Jonathan Rotondo, senior media relations officer, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, pointed to the 2015 First-Time Homebuyers Survey, which showed that first-time buyers are not as confident as repeat buyers, have a lower understanding of mortgage options, and were more likely to find the process challenging. They tend to turn to brokers and lenders for advice (more than 70 per cent) — and getting that help improves their success.



First-time home buyers improve their success if they turn to brokers and lenders for advice, according to a 2015 survey. ISTOCK

There may be a disconnect between what first-time home buyers want and what they can afford

Paul Taylor, president and CEO of Mortgage Professionals Canada

process challenging. They tend to turn to brokers and lenders for advice (more than 70 per cent) — and getting that help improves their success.

"Overall, our survey indicated that most first-time buyers [78 per cent] are satisfied with their experience," Rotondo explained. "Advice from

mortgage professionals can be of great help to first-time buyers, and help increase their level of understanding of mortgage options and satisfaction with their mortgage professional.

"For example, providing advice on long-term mortgage strategies can increase their level of understanding of the mortgage options available by up to 83 per cent, and their level of satisfaction with their mortgage professional by up

to 85 per cent."

In addition to improving satisfaction, Taylor added that turning to professionals for your first time can help improve the bottom line.

"This will sound biased because of my position, but mortgage brokers really do save Canadians money," he said. "I don't expect everyone to believe me and I understand skepticism, but I encourage everyone to explore their options when it comes to mortgages."



TECHNOLOGY

Use apps and calculators to boost expert advice

With today's technology, the power to buy a home is literally in the palm of your hand. But mobile applications and calculators should be used to help support the process — not be the be all and end all.

Mortgage calculators and apps are a useful tool to help in the home buying and mortgage shopping process. However, they should be used in tandem with advice from financial and mortgage professionals," explained Jonathan Rotondo, senior media relations officer, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Most banks and financial institutions offer calculators or apps."

"Given this decision-making process is personal and based on an individual's particular and unique situation, it really comes down to finding and using the tools that best fit your needs." JASON MENARD

HOUSING FINANCE

Tend mortgage options to encourage financial growth

Getting a mortgage can be stressful, which is why many tend to not want to continually revisit the process. However, there may be benefits to you if you look at mortgage maintenance as a vital part of your financial health.

"The majority of people probably do just set it and forget it," explained Paul Taylor, president and CEO of Mortgage Professionals Canada. "We recommend always looking at options."

There may be value in talking to a broker or lender to see if there are other options available. If you have a mortgage with a higher interest rate than the current rate, it

may be worthwhile to look at changing the terms of your mortgage — even if there are fees or penalties.

Some people also look at paying down mortgages earlier, but Taylor said that may or may not be the right choice.

"It's really about individual circumstances," he said, adding that there's a bit of a generational divide in that more mature mortgage holders tend to prioritize paying down their mortgage, whereas younger home owners tend to have a higher threshold for debt tolerance. Regardless, he said it's important to get the right information when making a decision.

"Is it better to pay more on your mortgage, or take those extra funds — if you have them — and invest elsewhere? That's very much up to the individual and their situation," he said. "It's important to get expert advice — whether that's from a financial advisor or a broker — to make a decision that's right for you."

Jonathan Rotondo, senior media relations officer, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, said it's important to make informed housing finance decisions.

"Take the time to plan and review your mortgage options, terms and conditions and prepare yourself for managing

your mortgage," he said. "Consider a lesser mortgage amount than the maximum you can afford; evaluate the impact of an increasing interest rate on your monthly payment; plan to be mortgage free faster and create a 'cushion' in case of unforeseen financial difficulties; and seek help if you have difficulty making your mortgage payments."

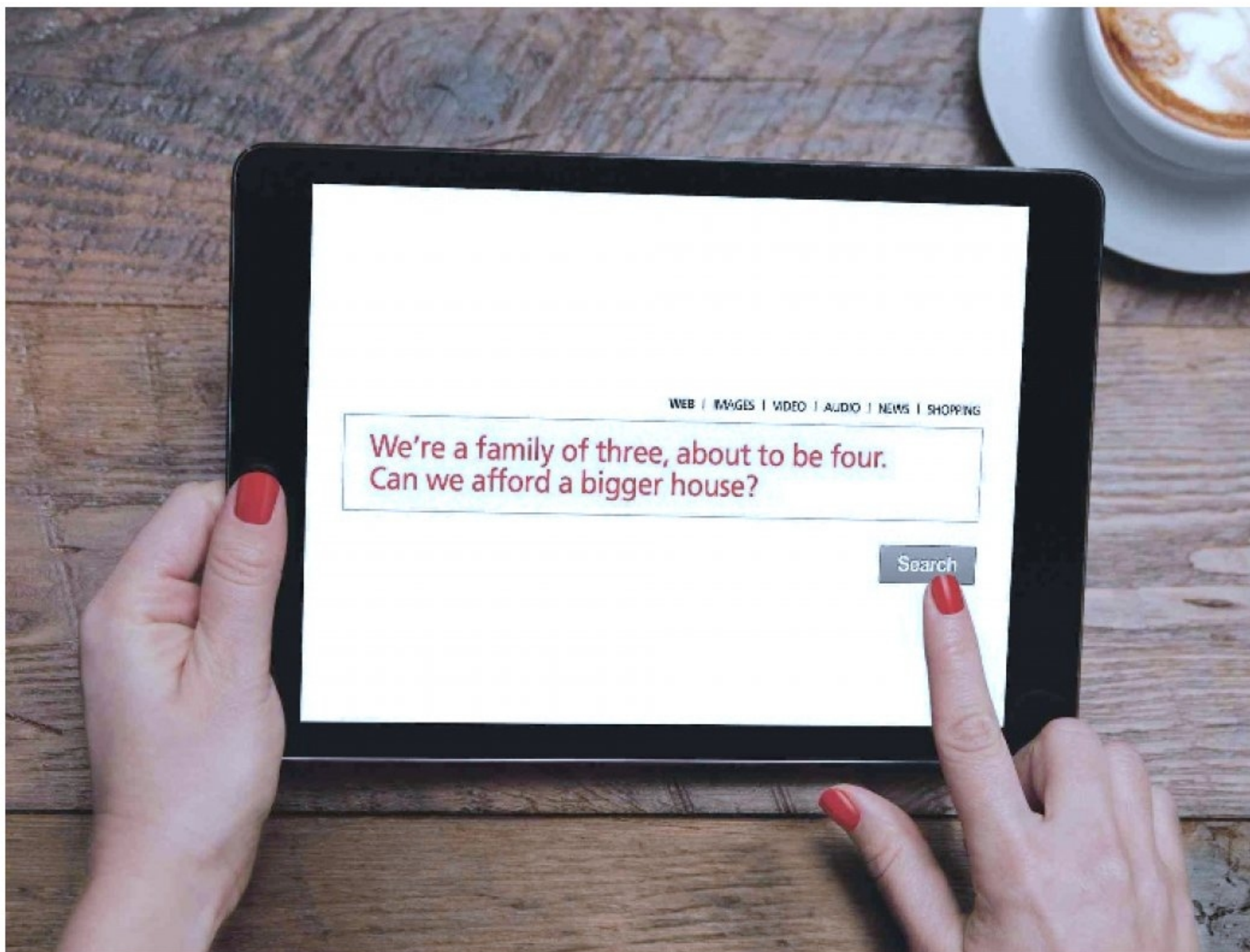
This also extends to those looking at using home equity to pay down debt or reinvest into their homes. "A broker will work with you to walk through the options based upon your own life circumstances," Taylor added.

JASON MENARD



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'We're rock bottom'

MLB
Jays suffer 4th straight series loss, say morale is still high

Marco Estrada's words were confident and optimistic, but the soft tone of the Toronto right-hander's voice and glum look on his face told a different story as he tried to explain the Blue Jays' recent skid that continued Wednesday with a demoralizing 8-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Our team morale is still high, guys are picking everybody else up every inning," Estrada said following the loss that knocked Toronto down to third place in the American League East.

"It's just hard to explain this," Estrada said, his gaze often finding the floor as TV cameras flashed brightly on his face. "I guess when things are going bad they stay there for a bit. But the good thing is we can only go up from here. I know things are going to change. I know time is running out but things are going to change. We're too good for it not to."

The loss capped a 2-4 stint at Rogers Centre that included a crucial series loss to the Boston Red Sox. September has been a dis-

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

8 RAYS
1 BLUE JAYS

aster for the Jays, who opened the month with four series losses for the first time this season. They have won just three of their last 12 games and were 2-1/2 games behind Boston for first place in the AL East after Wednesday's matinee. The Red Sox were to play the second-place Orioles on Wednesday night.

Toronto had held sole possession of the division lead as recently as Sept. 5.

"I've got to believe we're rock bottom," manager John Gibbons said. "I don't see how much lower it can go. So I'm optimistic that this will turn and turn in a hurry."



+ INJURY UPDATE

Reigning AL MVP **Josh Donaldson** sat out Wednesday's game, his third straight, with a hip injury.

The third baseman had an MRI Wednesday and described the injury as a gradual thing that suddenly intensified.

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Blue Jays starting pitcher Marco Estrada and catcher Dioner Navarro couldn't solve the Rays after a dominant first three innings on Wednesday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

second straight post-season appearance.

Toronto begins what could be a tough seven-game West Coast road trip Thursday in Los Angeles followed by a three-

game stop in Seattle.

The lowly Angels, behind the power of Mike Trout and Albert Pujols, won two of three games against the Jays at Rogers Centre in August. The Mariners, meanwhile, are not far removed from an AL wild-card spot and took two of three at Toronto in July.

Estrada (8-9) dominated the first three innings Wednesday, retiring the first nine Rays he faced and setting a franchise record by opening the game with five straight strikeouts. But as the game wore on, the Blue Jays' struggles began peek-

ing through.

They managed just two hits on the day — matching a season-low — while giving up 13. They failed to score more than three runs for the 21st time in their last 41 games.

Estrada maintained that despite the Blue Jays' current state, no one in the clubhouse has given up — not yet, anyway.

"We're fighting. We're fighting for sure," he said. "I don't think anybody's down. Not yet. But we need to turn this around before anybody does get down." THE CANADIAN PRESS

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Plekanec and Czechs score win in exhibition

Tomas Plekanec banked a back-hander off Connor Hellebuyck's pads with just over eight minutes remaining and the Czech Republic held off Team North America 3-2 in a World Cup of Hockey exhibition Wednesday.

North America — comprised of players 23 and under — overcame a 2-0 deficit to tie it midway through the third period on goals by Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Shayne Gostisbehere and Toronto Maple Leafs rookie Auston Matthews against Petr Mrazek.

In Pittsburgh

3 CZECH
2 N. AMERICA

Plekanec answered 53 seconds after Matthews' goal by taking a feed from Ales Hemsky from behind the net and knocking it off Hellebuyck's leg and over the goal-line for his third goal in as many exhibition games.

Ondrej Palat and Radek Faska also scored for the Czech Republic. Mrazek stopped 17 of the 19 shots he faced after coming in for Michal Neuvirth at the game's midway point.

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Brazil savouring Games

TICKET TRENDS

Lower ticket prices make Paralympics more accessible

Powerlifting star Majid Farzin walked to the platform to roaring applause. Then, complete silence as he attempted his lift.

Three white lights clicked on, signalling it was good, and the crowd erupted in cheers again, this time even louder. A sea of yellow and green rose to its feet, chanting and waving Brazilian flags.

But here's the thing: Farzin isn't Brazilian. He's Iranian.

Welcome to the 2016 Paralympics, where the residents of Rio de Janeiro have shown people from all across the world their Carioca spirit. Cariocas are the Rio natives, known for their warmth, friendliness and laid-back attitude.

Before the Games began a week ago, organizers from the International Paralympic Committee were just happy that — after a furious ticket-selling campaign and a price drop to as low



Wen Xiaoyan of China celebrates winning gold in the women's long jump T37 final on Wednesday in Rio. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

as about \$3 per ticket — the Rio games seemed likely to surpass sales of 1.7 million, moving this Paralympics into second place behind London in terms of spectators (2.7 million).

But as of Wednesday, the IPC said sales were over the 2 million mark. The sports festival for people with disabilities ends Sunday.

"We have to generate energy (at the games), so therefore, we wanted to bring the public on

board and have them provide energy, because in both Games we started kind of with an obligation to sell more tickets," said Mario Andrada, spokesman for the local organizing committee.

It's not just that people are coming out to Olympic Park on the edge of Rio. It's who is attending — local Brazilian fans, many of them families and couples, enjoying a day out in a country where roughly a fifth of the population

is below the poverty line.

"I wasn't able to take my family to the Olympics because it was too expensive, but we grabbed the chance to see the Paralympics because the price of the tickets was so much lower," said a 42-year-old Rio resident who only gave his name as Marco. "I'm really glad to be part of this, especially being able to bring my whole family. It's a really unique moment and we'll probably never have this opportunity again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEAM CANADA

B.C. cyclist's win sets off golden day

Canadian cyclist Tristen Chernove is at his best when he's sailing along at 40 kilometres an hour under the soothing heat of the sun.

Life is about as close as it can be to perfect.

The 41-year-old from Powell River, B.C., roared to gold in the time trial on Wednesday, for his third medal of the Rio Paralympics, and one of five claimed by Canada's cycling team on the day.

And in the moments after the victory, Chernove talked about how para-cycling is helping him adapt to the ravages of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, and of that wonderful feeling of flying.

"It's totally freeing," Chernove said, with a wide grin. "Believe me, overcoming what some would consider limitations created by the disease is never on my mind. I'm just being an athlete, I'm just doing all I can."

Chernove raced to a time of 27 minutes 43.16 seconds to beat Ireland's Colin Lynch, who was second in the C2 category in 28:02.25.

The Canadian, who remarkably just joined the national team last year, also has a pair of medals from the track: a silver in



Tristen Chernove
GETTY IMAGES

the 3,000-metre individual pursuit, and bronze in the 1,000-metre time trial.

Chernove's win kicked off a spectacular day in the time trial for Canada. Ross Wilson of Sherwood Park, Alta., captured silver in the C1 category for his second medal in Rio. Charles Moreau of Victoriaville, Que., took bronze in the H3 class, Calgary's Michael Sametz took bronze in the men's C3 event, and Shelley Gautier of Niagara Falls, Ont., was third in the combined C1 and C2 race.

Chernove was a competitive paddler who took up cycling after being diagnosed with CMT, a degenerative disease that affects the peripheral nerves and causes the muscles to atrophy.

Cycling can't stop the degeneration of his lower legs and lower arms, Chernove said — it's the nature of the disease.

"I have to learn how to be OK with that," he said. "However, psychologically, to be fitter than I've been in my whole life feels wonderful." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

ACC pulls championships out of North Carolina

The Atlantic Coast Conference has followed the NCAA's lead and is removing all its athletic championships from North Carolina over a state law limiting protections for LGBT people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL to introduce concussion monitors

The NHL is revamping concussion monitoring for the upcoming season.

Deputy commissioner Bill Daly says the league will have four concussion spotters watching all games from a centralized location in either Toronto or New York, as well as spotters at each game to check for visible symptoms. Those spotters will have the authority to have players removed from games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ESPN to show drone racing

Look! Up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane.

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In its latest foray into non-athletic sports, ESPN has reached an agreement to broadcast the Drone Racing League season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Sporting's chance not taken in Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo and Alvaro Morata scored very late goals as Real Madrid came from behind to beat Sporting Lisbon 2-1 and avoid starting the defence of its Champions League title with a shock defeat on Wednesday.



Cristiano Ronaldo
GETTY IMAGES

Ronaldo equalized from an 89th minute free kick against his former club and Morata netted the winner deep in injury time to give the hosts a hard-fought victory in a match which Sporting had largely under control.

"I'm happy with the points. We suffered but never gave up," Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane said. "I don't know if the result was fair or not, but it's clear we believed. You have to play until the end. It wasn't a perfect match, but the important thing was to win."

Madrid, trying to become the first team to win back-to-back Champions League titles since the tournament's new format went into effect in the 1992-93 season, avoided what would have been only its second loss in 31 Champions League matches

RESULTS

- Man. City 4, Borussia Mon. 0
- Bayer Lev. 2, CSKA Mos. 2
- Brugge 0, Leicester 3
- FC Porto 1, FC Cope. 1
- Juventus 0, Sevilla 0
- Legia Warsaw 0, Borussia Dortmund 6
- Lyon 3, Dinamo Zagreb 0
- Real Madrid 2, Sporting 1
- Tottenham 1, Monaco 2

at home. It has won 27 times and drawn three at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Sporting was just a few minutes away from its first win in 11 matches in Spain in UEFA competitions.

Boosted by a loud visiting crowd, Sporting played well from the start, defending with efficiency and creating dangerous chances up front with well-timed counterattacks and accurate passing.

Bruno Cesar put the Portuguese side ahead only three minutes into the second half after Sergio Ramos and Luka Modric failed to clear, allowing the Brazilian midfielder to fire a left-footed shot into the far corner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 g package of whole-wheat spaghetti
- 3 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 cups fresh tomatoes, washed and chopped
- 1 head of arugula, washed and rough chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Put a big pot of well salted water on to boil.
2. In a sauté pan, bring the olive

oil to low-medium heat.

3. Add garlic and allow to cook but not brown — just a couple of minutes. Take the pan off the heat.

4. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Scoop out a cup of water before draining. The starchy water is a great way to loosen up a too-thick sauce, plus it adds a certain slickness to your pastas.

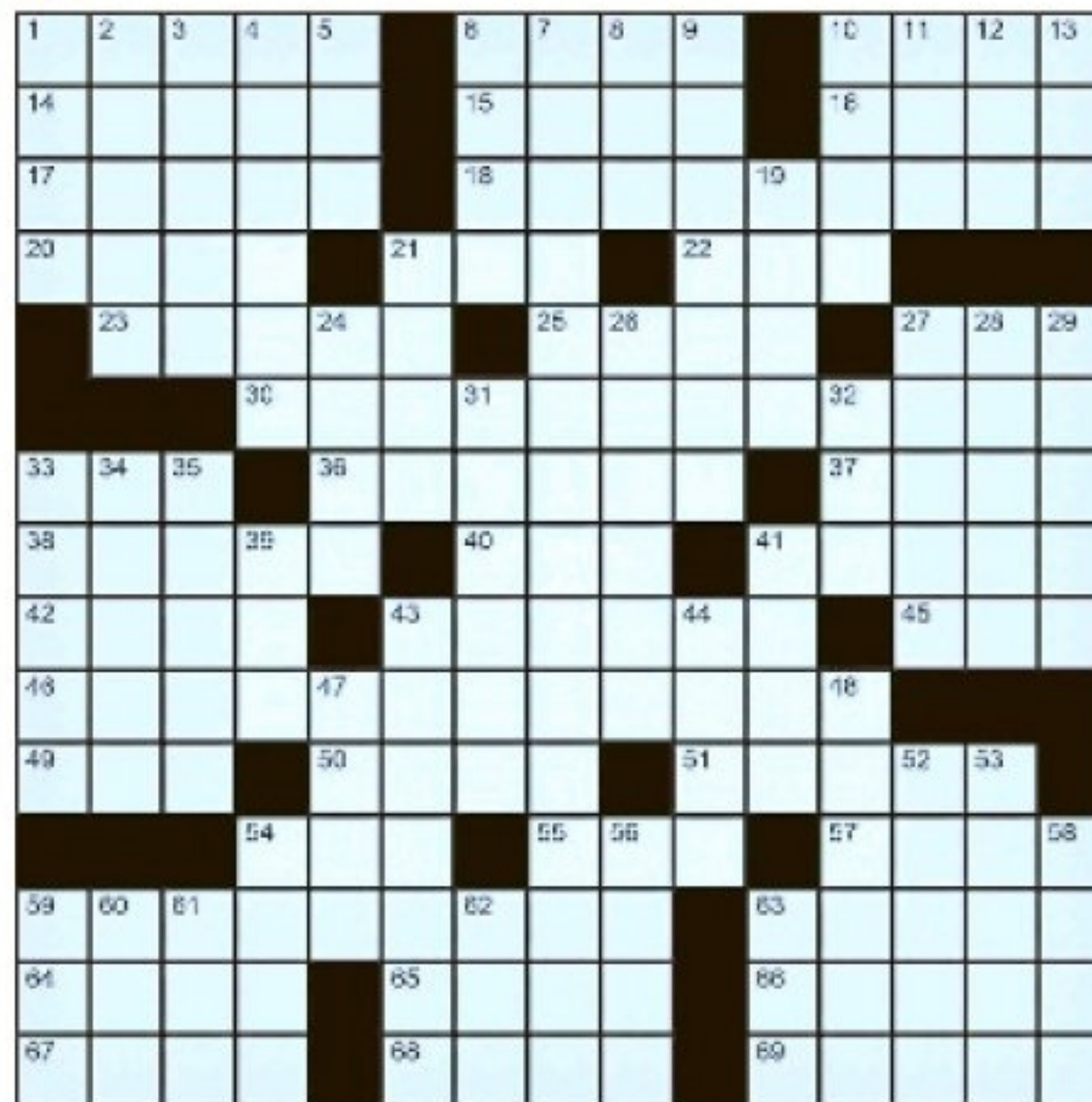
5. Drain noodles before tossing back in the pot. Add garlic-infused oil and vinegar and toss until all of the spaghetti is coated. Add tomatoes and toss again. Pour in cooking liquid, bit by bit, until your sauce is the desired consistency (you may not need much).

6. Throw in the arugula and give it another good mix so there are pieces of green throughout. Taste before adding a bit of salt and pepper.

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ACROSS

1. Late
6. Transfixed
10. "Darn!"
14. Daisy type
15. Length measure
16. Irving Bacheller novel, _ Holden
17. Naomi Watts 2013 biopic
18. NHL goaltending great from Carman, Manitoba: 2 wds.
20. " _ the Explorer"
21. 'Cent' add-on (Man/horse creature)
22. Theory of Relativity brainiac ...his initials-sharers
23. Gladiator's 3,600
25. Eight, in Latin
27. Corn-eater's cast off
30. 1970s TV drama starring the Melfort, Saskatchewan born actor at #7-Down, " _ _ Counselor at Law"
33. "The X Files" actor ...his initials-sharers
36. Steal
37. Scandinavian story
38. Major upsets
40. 'Block' suffix
41. Faded jean areas
42. Take apart
43. Excoriate
45. AC/DC song
46. Vintage records purchaser's interest: 2 wds.
49. Swine spot
50. Mouth off
51. Clark _ (Jennifer Grey's actor hubby)
54. Cleveland NBA-er
55. Treasure Island author's monogram
57. Dismounted

59. Quebec City attraction, Le Chateau _
63. "Well done!"
64. Archaeological discovery
65. Actress Tara
66. Astronaut Neil Armstrong's middle name
67. Daughter, e.g., on

- a family tree
68. Lacking
69. Funny Canadian Mike

DOWN

1. "Hello It's Me" by _ Rundgren
2. Self-evident truth
3. Fortify once more
4. Bundle of energy
5. Posh positive
6. Andre _ (Dutch violinist/conductor)
7. Sci-Fi thriller of 1971

- starring Canadian actor Arthur Hill based on Michael Crichton's 1969 breakout novel, with The: 2 wds.
8. Banned pollutant, commonly
9. Stage star's site
10. Li'l word meanings
11. Blood-typing letters

12. Modern, in Germany
13. "Welcome to the Jungle" rock gr.
19. Zodiac's roarers
21. Banda _ (City in Sumatra in Indonesia)
24. ABC's ballroom show
26. Legendary talk show host Dick
27. Military trainee
28. Of the distant past
29. Explosion emanation!
31. B-vitamin family member
32. She-chicken
33. Plays like Neil Peart
34. Tim Hortons snack
35. Dishwater
39. You: French
41. Simple Minds singer Jim
43. Remington electric grooming products
44. Harleys, to bikers
47. 'Pluto' suffix
48. Medical checkup frequency
52. Open space in a wooded area
53. Bestower
54. "Squawk Box" network
56. Flat-screen TVs, e.g.
58. Weight units, US-style
59. Flower delivery co.
60. Kind of deer
61. Mantric syllables
62. PBS funding org.
63. Slamming noise!

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might be doing a slow boil about something because silly errors at work make you impatient. Nevertheless, by sounding off, you will gain nothing, and you might make things worse!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A discussion about shared property will meet with resistance from someone else today. This is a poor day to ask for a loan or mortgage or for a favour from someone.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with parents, bosses and authority figures will be challenging at some point today. That's why life might feel hard. "Nobody loves me." (Relax. This is a fleeting thing.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Teachers and anyone involved in medicine and the law might be difficult to deal with today. In fact, avoid subjects like politics, religion and racial issues, because they will be too difficult to discuss.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you are talking about loans, mortgages and shared property today, you will meet with obstacles. Someone in authority will not approve. Choose another day!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your relations with close friends and partners are difficult today, because there seems to be a lack of emotional flexibility. Someone might even be depressed. Don't take this personally.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is not the day to ask your boss or a co-worker for help. Their response will be, "Talk to the hand." (Oops.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Just accept this because, hey, it goes with the territory. Don't try to change rules in sports today.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is not the day to ask a parent or someone in a position of authority in the family for help. They will not be receptive. Just bide your time and wait for another day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Everyone is a bit negative today. It's not just you. Don't take it personally and do not react.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a poor day for financial decisions because someone will block what you want to do. Choose another day. Timing is everything.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today the Moon is opposite your sign and at odds with stern Saturn. That's why it is difficult to get along with others. (It's not just you.)

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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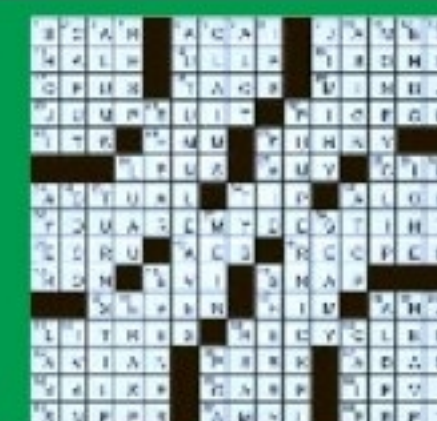
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